ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A first information processing apparatus extracts information expressing a characteristic of input information, changes the input information to character data, subjects the character data to prescribed processing based on the information expressing a characteristic, and sends the character data subjected to the prescribed processing to a network. A second information processing apparatus receives character data via a network, extracts prescribed information from the character data, changes the character data to other information, and subjects the character data or other information to prescribed processing based on the extracted prescribed information. The communication using the first and second information processing apparatuses is, for example, rich and enjoyable, and accompanied by, for example, emotions. The first and second information processing apparatuses enable smooth communication, without an increase in the amount of information that is mutually exchanged.

351762_1.DOC